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Attachment 7

To: Ronny J. Coleman, Chairman
Statewide Training and Education Advisory Committee
c/o State Fire Training

From: Randy Collins, Director Fire Technology, Santa Rosa Junior College

Subject/Agenda Action Item: Fire Prevention I Prerequisite for Command IA

Recommended Actions: Information/Discussion

Background Information:

On April 4, 2012, State Fire Training announced curriculum changes for the Fire Officer certification track that would become effective January 1, 2013. Among the changes identified in the announcement was the establishment of Fire Prevention I as a prerequisite for Command IA. As an Accredited Regional Training Program that offers Command IA (COIA) each semester, we have required students who wish to enroll in this course to have met this prerequisite (as well as I-200). We have also accepted the completion of the retired Prevention IA & IB as identified in the July 2014 COIA CIRM.

Since these actions were taken, we have observed a slow but steady decline in the enrollment in this course (for example no students have enrolled in the COIA course for this semester). In conversations with the instructor, at Fire Training Officer meetings and with some area Chiefs, the predominate response given has been the Prevention I prerequisite. More specifically, that because of the large number of Volunteer Fire agencies in the area, there are many who have a desire to take the course with the sole purpose of enhancing their command skills but are not pursuing a CO certificate mainly because of time constraints (COIA is offered in a weekend format to accommodate our Volunteers).

At our September County Fire Training Officer's meeting this item was discussed again with the outcome a vote by the membership that STEAC be requested to waive this prerequisite for those students who wish to enroll in the course but are not pursuing a CO certificate.